

Remarks

The August 6, 2004 Communication states that Applicants have failed to elect a species drawn to antigenic peptides related to multiple sclerosis or antigenic peptides related to diabetes. Applicants believe that this Communication was sent in error and refer the Office to the response filed May 6, 2004, paragraph 1, lines 3-5, which states: "In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect antigenic peptides related to diabetes (species ii)." Applicants again confirm that species ii, as listed in the April 7, 2004 Office Action, page 3, paragraph 6, subparagraph ii, is elected.

The Office has stated that claims 1-5, 13-18 and 23-34 are generic and that claims 6-12, 19-22 and 35, all non-generic claims, are related to the elected species ii. See April 7, 2004 Office Action, page 3, paragraph 6. Upon reconsideration of the Office's position, Applicants believe that generic claims 1-5, 13-18 and 23-34, and claims 8-12, 19-22 and 35, but not claims 6-7, read on the elected species.

Applicants refer the Office to the previous response and now request that all claims be examined on the merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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